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Dear Sirs,

In response to FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 I believe that it is in the best interest of Amateur Radion to retain at least a 5 wpm Morse Code requirement due to the fact that Morse Code IS Amateur Radio.

There is some mystique in the transmitting and receiving of these little precious bits of information that gives some feeling of structure to an individual which cannot be quantified. In today's fast moving world and the need for high-speed data transmission, let us not undermine what so many have strived to build in order to make it "easier" for others to obtain. I have read hundreds of respondents comments and researched the license status of most through the ULS. The majority that are in agreement to drop the code requirement are entry-level operators who would like to change the structure of the licensing to make it easier for themselves. They would like the Morse requirement to be dropped so it would make it possible for them to obtain a Group I callsign to inflate their egos. Today's society is an "instant-gratification" one and by retaining the 5 wpm Morse requirement will absolutely go further to add to the Amateur Radio pool of operators in the United States quality instead of quantity. I have been a "Ham" for almost 30 years now and the quality of the newer operators is not like it used to be when we had more stringent licensing guidelines.

Please keep a Morse Code requirement for at least 5 WPM.

Sincerely,

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(A Proud Extra Class Operator)